

GEN. WOOD TO STUDY PACIFIC NAVY POLICY

Mission to Philippines Will
Include Investigation of
Defence Outlook.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York, March 9.—General Wood, former director of the American navy policy, is to be sent to the Philippines to study the defence outlook of that country. Since his return here in 1919, he has been in charge of the Spanish-American division of the Foreign Office.

The question which he is expected to study is whether the division of the fleet authorized during the administration of Joseph Daniels should be continued and what other disposal should be made of the fleet with reference to the naval defense of the islands and America's position in the Pacific.

The division of the fleet into two squadrons has been regarded with skepticism by naval strategists who have argued that the Panama Canal is hardly a safe line of communication and that the division of the fleet actually reduces the power of the navy one-half.

The question of naval policy is one which will enter into the White House in the last analysis. The administration already has made it plain that it believes it wise for the United States to possess a strong navy, but the degree of its strength is yet to be determined. While the administration may propose, Congress finally will dispose, so far as naval construction is concerned, and the administration undoubtedly wishes to fortify itself with all possible expert opinion.

The question of a divided fleet, one basing in the Atlantic and the other in the Pacific, is one of the most vexing ones with which naval experts have had to contend.

While it is believed it would be wiser to have the fleet united under given conditions, there is a genuine difference of opinion as to whether or not it is essential to have the fleet strongly represented on the Pacific side at all times. This whole situation calls for attention to the fact, naval authorities believe, that the United States is not endeavoring to dominate the seas with its navy, even with its increased building programs. They point out that the necessity of protecting two coasts, with only a precarious line of communication between them, reduces the parity of the American fleet with that of other nations to that number of vessels which are located on one ocean or the other.

ECKHARDT TO RETURN AS ENVOY TO MEXICO

German Diplomat Figured in
Zimmermann Exposé.

Berlin, March 8.—Heinrich von Eckhardt, former minister to Mexico, will return to the post he formerly held in that country. Since his return here in 1919, he has been in charge of the Spanish-American division of the Foreign Office.

Von Eckhardt was credited with being the director of violent anti-American propaganda in Mexico by pro-German and German owned papers during the war. It was to him that Dr. Zimmermann, then German Foreign Secretary, sent a message dated January 19, 1917, through Count von Bernstorff, proposing an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States if the latter country did not remain neutral.

BAKER MADE A COLONEL.

New Secretary of War Predecessor
for His War Services.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York, March 9.—Theodore Roosevelt, Secretary of War, has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Army.

The promotion was made by Secretary of War Weeks, who has a commission had been sent to Mr. Baker in his home in Cleveland, with the request that he accept it in recognition of his service in the War Department during the war.

ROOSEVELT IS SWORN IN.

Becomes Assistant Secretary of
the Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of the Navy today within a few hours after confirmation of his nomination by the Senate.

He immediately received the navy officers and civilian employees on duty at the department.

PANAMA PLANES RETURNING.

Six of the Naval Fliers on Way
to San Diego.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Six naval planes, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 15 and 16, of the group making the flight from Panama to San Diego, have arrived at San Francisco Bay, Lower California, according to a message received here today by the navy.

The message said that airplane No. 8 was being towed by the destroyer Palmer to Hilo Bay, Lower California, to change her master gear.

PRESIDENT'S DOCTOR TO STUDY WELFARE

Will Investigate Health, Edu-
cation and Justice as Affect-
ing Nation.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York, March 9.—The nomination of Dr. Charles E. Sawyer, of Marion, Ohio, designated by President Harding to be the White House physician, was referred to the Senate today by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

The question was raised that the law governing such appointments requires the candidate to be between the ages of 21 and 80, whereas Dr. Sawyer is 62. It developed that the Department of Justice ruled on this objection, holding that since the United States technically is in a state of war the limitation does not apply and the appointment conforms with the legal requirements.

The White House issued an official statement concerning the appointment. "President Harding has long since been convinced that the affairs relating to public health, such as public health, education and social justice, are so intimately related and so vital to the nation's perpetuity that he has decided to begin at once a careful survey of all matters pertaining to these subjects."

"That there may be no delay he has nominated Dr. Sawyer of Marion, Ohio, a man of long and practical experience in such matters, to a Brigadier-General in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army, thereby not only securing the services of Dr. Sawyer as physician at the White House when professional attention is necessary, but also giving to him direct authority to make a thorough investigation of the needs of these subjects and to present the accumulated facts with such suggestions as his observations may warrant in bringing about a concrete plan of coordination and most efficient and economic operation of these affairs. Dr. Sawyer's duties are to begin immediately."

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SUPERIOR-ATLANTIC OIL DEAL ASSAILED IN COURT

Holders Charge Stock Trans-
fers Below Value.

Wilmington, Del., March 9.—A bill of complaint was filed in the United States District Court here today against the Atlantic Refining Company, a Pennsylvania concern, and the Superior Oil Company, a Delaware corporation, alleging that the former, by reason of its control of the offices of the latter, had succeeded in obtaining transfer of many shares of stock of the Superior Company at a price below its real value. The case, which involves several million dollars, is set for March 25.

The complainants are Marshall Hodgman, St. Louis; George S. Hubbard, East Orange, N. J.; George L. Feldman, Edna, La.; Arthur Lubin, Isaac Pinsky and Emmanuel Rosen, all of New York. They ask that the transfer of 25,000 shares of Superior stock to the Atlantic company be rescinded, that the latter be required to pay damages and that contracts be declared illegal.

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